

The Isle of Skye Highland Games

Senior Piping Competitions Information for Competitors

Tuesday

Competition No 1, Dunvegan Medal. Skye Gathering Hall, Portree, 8.30am.

Competitors will submit four tunes from the list below to the Piping Convenor by the 14th of July. He/she will be asked to play one of these tunes. The winner of the Dunvegan Medal will be invited to play in the Silver Chanter competition at Dunvegan Castle next year.

Please note that because of growing interest in the Dunvegan Medal competition over recent years, the organisers regrettably will be limiting places to 30. Places will be allocated on a strictly first-come, first-served basis. Applicants will be informed as soon as possible after the receipt of his/her application whether or not it has been successful.

Competition No 2, Col. Jock MacDonald Clasp. St Columba's Church, Portree, 7.30pm.

This competition is open to current and previous holders of the Dunvegan Medal only.

Competitors will submit four tunes from those marked ** on the list below to the Piping Convenor by July 14th. If the winner of this year's Dunvegan Medal is known by 7pm., he/she will be invited to play in the Clasp. Therefore, competitors are advised to prepare four of the specified tunes, which could then be offered, for both competitions.

List of MacCrimmon tunes

1. The Earl of Ross's March** 2. A flame of wrath for Patrick Caogach.
3. The Groat 4. Lament for the only son.
5. Too long in this condition. 6. MacLeod of MacLeod's Lament. **
7. MacLeod's Salute. 8. Lament for Donald of Laggan.
9. Lament for Donald Bàn MacCrimmon** 10. John Garve MacLeod of Raasay's Salute**
11. The MacDonald's Salute** 12. MacCrimmon will never return.
13. Lament for the Duke of Hamilton** 14. Lament for MacSwan of Roag**
15. Rory MacCloude's Lament** 16. I got a kiss of the King's hand**
17. Lament for Mary MacLeod. 18. Lament for Donald Doughal MacKay**
19. Lament for the children** 20. Lament for the Earl of Antrim**
21. The glen is mine. 22. Mrs MacLeod of Talisker's Salute**
23. The Battle of Waternish** 24. The King's Taxes**

25. MacLeod's Controversy. 26. The salute on the birth of Rory Mòr MacLeod
27. Lament for the Harp Tree ** 28. Lament for MacLeod of Colbeck **
29. The Pretty Dirk. 30. MacCrimmon's Sweetheart
31. MacLeod of Raasay's Salute 32. Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon**

Piping is supported by the Royal Hotel, Portree; the Highland Society of London, and the Clan Donald Centre.

Competitions Nos. 3 & 4, 6/8 Marches & Jig. St Columba's Church, Portree, 8.30am.

Each piper play a 6/8 march of own choice followed by a jig of own choice. There will be an opportunity for competitors to tune between the marches and jigs.

Wednesday

Competition No. 5, St Columba's Church, 2/4 March (Kemble Star) 9.00am.

Each piper submits three marches and is asked to play one of them twice over.

Competition No. 6, St Columba's Church, Strathspeys & Reels (Peter MacFarquhar Star).

Each piper submits three strathspeys and three reels of own choice and is asked to play one strathspey & reel once through.

Pipers entering both competitions will play the 2/4 March first, and after an opportunity to re-tune will play the strathpsey & reel.

Prizes: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

Comp 1 £140 £100 £70 £40 £20

Comp 2 £200 £120 £100

Comp 3 £60 £40 £30 £20 £15

Comp 4 £60 £40 £30 £20 £15

Comp 5 £70 £50 £40 £30 £20

Comp 6 £70 £50 £40 £30 £20

In each competition the winner will also receive a bottle of Whisky.

Special Prizes

The piper with the highest points in the Dunvegan Medal + the Ceòl beag competitions will win the Dr Allan MacDonald Cup + £200

The piper with the highest points in the Clasp + Ceòl beag competitions will win the Highland Society of London award of £250.

Competition Rules

(1) Any competitor who is unable to attend the competition after entry must notify the Convenor, at the latest on the day before the competition. Failure to do this without reason may result in refusal of entry in subsequent years.

(2) Competitors must appear in Highland Dress, and remain so attired until after the presentation of prizes.

(3) Competitors must be in attendance not later than the advertised reporting time, or other notified time, failing which they will only be allowed to play at the discretion of the stewards.

(4) The order of play will be adhered to as far as is possible, but the committee reserve the right to alter this if, in the opinion of the Piping Convenor, circumstances so require.

(5) Competitors, who are not known to the committee, or who do not hold a CPA grade, are required to submit evidence of success in other competitions, or a recommendation from a known tutor.

Failure to observe any of these rules, or the instructions of the stewards, may result in the disqualification and/or refusal of entry in a subsequent year.

While every effort will be made to endure that the competitions run as detailed above, the Piping Convenor reserves the right to make any changes necessitated by unforeseen circumstances.

Pipers are requested to keep tuning time to a minimum so competitions may proceed quickly and efficiently.

- * All entries must be in the hands of the Piping Convenor by 14th July.
- * An inclusive entry fee of £7.50 should accompany entries.
- * If an e-mail address is given the entry will be acknowledged by email, if no e-mail address is given, acknowledgement will not be sent out unless you have included a stamped addressed envelope.
- * Please make all cheques payable to Skye Games Committee.

Regrettably, no late entries will be accepted.

Piping Convenor:

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Competitors should contact Cailean in the event of any queries.